

Topics of Interest to Every Woman

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GRADUATION PROCK TOPIC OF THE HOUR

Simple White Dress Is Most Appropriate for Girls.

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Year by year the chain grows longer and more effective, the chain of ideas whose school boards have determined that simplicity must be the dominant factor in the graduation gown.

The principle back of the regulation is particularly wholesome and fitting in its application to high schools, where there are really sharp contrasts in degrees of station and wealth and where those who can choose simplicity or display, as they like, can well afford to meet on the level of the others to whom strict economy is a necessity every day in the year.

But—do you just like the cap and gown idea?

To some of us it is something of a surprise to learn that already it has taken root in many places, and it has decided advantages; yet, one fancies that if put in a vote among the girls themselves, or their mothers, the simple white dress would continue to hold its own.

And for several reasons.

Useful All Summer.

In the first place, back of simplicity stands the real necessity for economy, and the pretty white dress, sweet as may be, but expensive as must be, is useful and practical the summer long.

And in our high schools there are many girls and their mothers who know that the graduation gown, whatever it cost, must do duty for many a day. And even a "dollar gown" is impossible and unthinkable as it seems to some, is the very best to others, because it must be. But the cap and gown, worn on the day of graduation, are folded away, probably never used again.

One fancies that nothing ever will happen to make girls indifferent to the "becomingness" of hats, gowns and other useful and useful items of apparel. Some faces and figures look mighty sweet and appealing in the somber cap and gown—but not all. And on graduation day it would not be the girl who did not want to look her best.

School boards may not reckon long with that aspect of the question, but girls are trying to solve the simplicity problem, but it is a side the graduates will take to heart earnestly enough.

May Be Made Effective.

There is one more point in favor of the simple white dress—

It inspires in girls an ambition to create their own art, for it is nothing but art that makes an inexpensive gown really effective.

And that is the only kind of striving that seems to fit in with the traditions and the principles of a high school—the striving to reach the goal of good work, whatever it may chance to be.

There are some who believe it unwise to make any regulations in the matter of limiting the cost of a gown for graduation day.

They say the better way is, early and late, to impress upon the minds of the girls that on the last day when records are all in the matter of division, the most important of all; that then the supreme question is not what shall we wear, but what do we know? It is easy enough to outshine when it is all a question of money, but not so simple when the goal is pure achievement.

Boards of education would accomplish something quite worth while if they could succeed in impressing upon the minds of young folk about to graduate that the most royal standards of all are those that center about genuine courtesy of the mind and the heart. For the graduation gown, which may cost a precious bit of worry and of striving, to the breaking point is forgotten to-morrow, while the standards of worth go on to the end of life.

Simplicity Can Be Taught.

But human nature is so very strange, so subservient to accepted standards, that it is hard for a few to abide by the simple and the inexpensive, unless it chances to be the few who can afford to set any pace they like, and if school boards want to see the awful evidence of striving eliminated, without coercion, one believes it will have to come by way of serious efforts. Big-minded, big-hearted men and women at the helm as teachers can accomplish much, if granted the right of way, but the dollar tag counts so heavily in our standards of living that teachers can do no more than impress the impractical.

There is always a goodly fringe made up of those who care more for ostentatious display than for the beautiful code of human standards, and they are the ones who set the pace for others to follow, nothing counts but the vigorous "Toss that out."

And that is why boards are not leaving to moral suasion the inculcation of the fine doctrine of simplicity, which sets with peculiar grace in all divisions of learning fostered by our government.

But the very nicest thing of all is far the initiative to come from the girls themselves.

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When Frocks Are

Tucked and Trim-

med with Bands

There are a great many times when the

most perfectly done machine tucking is

out of place on a garment and the tucks

must be put in by hand to achieve the

desired result. Take, for instance, be-

lieve dresses made of fine handkerchief

linen, and it is not difficult to imagine

that any but hand tucks would be easily

out of place used as a decoration in the

yoke or above the hem around the bottom

of the skirt. The same can be said in

the case of the lingerie, or, indeed, any

of the dress that is to be tucked.

One important thing in tucking is to

make the right start. The material must

be pressed perfectly smooth and pulled

into shape, so that the warp and weft

threads run straight across up and

down.

Mark Width of Tucks.

The next thing is to have something to

mark the width of each tuck as well as

the space between. Thin cardboard

about the weight of a calling card is all

right, and the width of the tuck and the

space between the tucks should be

marked with a pencil or the card clipped

at these points.

Let the work rest on a lapboard or

table, and in using the card be sure to

keep the edge of it on or parallel to the

straight edge of the cloth. Where the

marker is held on even a little slant in

does not get the desired measure. The

latter society, at a recent meeting, passed

the following resolution: "That in the event

of a revision of the law on political

sections it would be unjust to continue

to exclude women from the register; the

Young Men's Roman Catholic Associa-

tion adopts the principle of political

equality of men and women, and re-

solves to affiliate its members individ-

ually and the association as a whole with

the woman suffrage section of the Bal-

tim Christian Feminist League."

Kitchenettes.

Looking glasses, though they have

been well washed, will shine with in-

creased luster if they are rubbed over

with a little thin starch, which is al-

lowed to dry before it is rubbed off

again. The glass must then be pol-

ished with a soft and absolutely clean

chamois leather.

Use Needle and Thread Suitable to

the material you are working on and start

either by making a small knot and letting

it come on the wrong side, or else take

several tiny stitches one over the other.

The running stitch is the one used, and

it should not be difficult to make perfect-

looking tucks where the marking has

been accurately done.

Where dresses are trimmed with bands

made from the same or some contrasting

material they should always be cut on a

true bias. Then if they are to be set on

straight around, or up and down, it is an

easy matter to put them on straight by

measuring. First, though, they must be

turned in evenly on both edges and

smoothly pressed. These bias bands are

easily stretched and have to be carefully

handled in consequence.

Must Be Closely Basted.

In applying them to the garment it is a

good plan to have small-sized pins and

use these to hold them in place while

basting. A bias band must be basted

close to both edges before stitching down.

Where a fold or wide bias band is to be

set around or near the bottom of a skirt

it is necessary to stretch the lower edge

slightly to make it sit smoothly around

the skirt edge.

These bands are usually turned up once

around the edge which is to be the lower

edge and stitched a little up from the

edge. Then the band is pinned in place

around the skirt, and then at the top

before basting and stitching at the top.

Fine Openwork Apple Pie.

This kind of pie, called a "Rau" in

French, is open on top, with crust un-

derneath.

Cut into quarters a dozen apples (ap-

ples by preference), weighing about two

pounds. Peel them, slice them, put them

in a rather wide saucepan with a pound

and three-quarters of hot water and

seven ounces of sugar. Shake up the

apples from time to time to secure an

even cooking. The apples being cooked,

add four tablespoonfuls of apricot pres-

erve.

Fill the bottom of one or two circular

pie molds with fine paste. Fill the bot-

WHAT PROGRESSIVE WOMEN ARE DOING

They Are Demanding the Franchise
the World Over.

Missouri women are actively en-

gaged in a struggle to secure the sub-

mission of an equal suffrage constitu-

tional amendment at the next State

election under the initiative and refer-

endum.

From Spain comes the report that

the Spanish Chamber is arranging to

give women who are heads of families

the right to vote for Mayor and Coun-

cil in the villages.

The Democratic Union of Poland, at

its last annual convention in Lom-

berg, unanimously resolved to insert a

new plank in its platform and advo-

cate votes for women.

A report from Russia says: "The

most remarkable event in the women's

movement in Russia is the introduc-

tion of a bill on votes for women in

the Duma. On February 13 M. Bou-

late, M. P., introduced a bill drafted

by the Russian League for Women's

Rights, at St. Petersburg, and signed

by forty members of Parliament of dif-

ferent parties."

In Persia the women movement has a

national society, which in Teheran

alone counts 300 branches. The Sultan,

last September for the first time in the

history of that country, received a dele-

gation from this society and promised

to do what he could to improve the lot

of Ottoman women.

M. Louis Marin, member of the French

Parliament and an officer of the

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in Takoma Park for the session which

begins in the general conference building

this morning, and will continue for a

week. The delegates, who will represent

every State in the Union are: L. L. Kil-

gore, Atlantic Union Conference; W. H.

Williams, Southwestern Union; B. R.

Neffinger, Canadian Union; W. J. Huff-

man, Central Union; W. H. Edwards,

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Union; B. J. Lashier and F. W. Peterson,

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